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1. Reportedly, a plenary session of the CNT was held on 14 September 1947 in Madrid, in accordance with plans previously announced. (For information on the plans for the plenary session, see [REDACTED] There was unanimous agreement in regard to the advisability of working in cooperation with Indalecio Prieto for the success of the plan agreed on by the Toulouse Assembly of the Socialist Party-Union General de Trabajadores. The Catalan delegate and the delegate from the Central Region explained what the plan of action was for opposition groups inside Spain. This [REDACTED]

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was agreed that steps be taken immediately to expedite the appointment of a delegation to Paris from the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas, as contemplated in the conversation between Prieto and Luque.

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2. The plenary session determined the number of members to be chosen for the National Committee, and the positions which each would hold. A commission of three was designated, composed of the Catalan delegate, the Central Region delegate and one other, to select the members of the National Committee, the latter group to act with full authority of the plenary group and independent of any control by the appointing commission. The new National Committee has four members, whose posts are: Secretary General, Statistical and Propaganda Delegate, Political and Defense Delegate, and Social and Juridical Delegate. Only the appointing commission knows the names of the members. [REDACTED] they are not members whose activities have been conspicuous in the past.

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3. In spite of the secrecy surrounding the identity of the National Committee [REDACTED]

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neither one is opposed to the general orientation of the policy pursued by Luque, both strongly disapprove of his tactics. Nevertheless, the plenary session agreed to designate Luque Delegate of Missions, to act outside Spain on matters specifically entrusted to him by the National Committee. [REDACTED] it was decided not to designate Luque as permanent delegate outside Spain.

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4. The plenary session also considered the advisability of inviting the other opposition organizations to form a united front against Franco. There was discussion regarding the advisability of asking all those organizations to join the ANFD. No definite decision was made, and the question is still under consideration.

5. The Catalan delegate, who had been a candidate for Secretary General, was not made a member in any capacity of the new National Committee. He was to continue in his post as Secretary of the Catalan Regional Committee. Reportedly, he also planned to organize clandestine crossings and smuggling on the French frontier.

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7. [REDACTED] the CNT would abandon all plans for direct action and incitement to violence, such plans not being considered the most advisable procedure to accomplish anything effective. Consequently [REDACTED] suspend the shipments of arms which were waiting in France.

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8. In the judgment of the new Secretary General, conversations with the monarchists ought to continue, not only outside Spain in accordance with the Prieto plan but also inside Spain, because the leftists must accept the premise that collaboration with the monarchists is essential to any effective action against Franco. [REDACTED] the CNT had not yet resumed official contacts with monarchists, but that from certain feelers which had been put out, it appeared that the monarchists were persisting in their demand that the monarchy be established prior to the holding of a plebiscite. Although the Secretary General recognized the fact that such a demand might prove to be irreconcilable with leftist aims, [REDACTED] much would depend upon what concessions the monarchists might make, and that the matter should at least be studied.

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